



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of : Patrick Carroll, Jon Schneider
and Douglas E. Bell

Serial No. : 08/872,088

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Title of Invention : **DIAGNOSTIC SANITARY TEST STRIP**

Examiner : Christopher L. Chin

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Our File No. : 9186.7804

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT AND REMARKS

This amendment and remarks respond to the February 2, 1999, Office Action in which the Examiner indicated allowable subject matter, and set forth objections and rejections to the elected claims. Please amend the claims as follows.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Once Amended) A diagnostic sanitary test strip device for measuring an analyte of interest in a heterogenous fluid sample, said test strip comprising:

(a) an upper support layer defining a sample receiving port for receiving the fluid sample therein;

(b) means for retaining the fluid sample to prevent spillage of the sample from said strip to make said test strip

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